

# Local Work Group development of local EQIP.

## CLEARWATER District FY03 EQIP

1. List the local resource concerns that EQIP can address:
  - A. Protection of the numerous water resources that are interspersed with agricultural uses.
  - B. Improvement of grazing procedures to increase production and increase protection of natural resources.
  - C. Forest management planning and renewal on forested land and on retired marginal cropland to improve production and restore forested ecosystems.
  - D. The unclosed waste storage lagoons abandoned by the defunct poultry operations
2. If applicable, list any geographic regions (i.e. watersheds, townships, etc.) and their respective resource concerns within the District to receive priority:
  - A. Related to Item 1.D. above, the portion of the Wild Rice River watershed where the unclosed waste storage lagoons are located.
3. Prioritize and weight each local resource concern for the district. Weight must be between 1 and 10:

Factor	Resource Priority	Weight
A1. Erosion Control	high	10
A2 Gully Control	high	10
B1 Water Resource	high	10
B2 Wastewater/CNMP	low	3
C Habitat Improvement	medium	7
D Air Quality	low	3
E Impaired Water	medium	7
F Distance	high	10
G Grazing System	high	8
H Forest Mgt.	high	9
I. Abandoned waste fac.	high	9

Unclosed lagoons in the Wild Rice River watershed pose a surface water quality threat, a groundwater threat, and a safety issue for humans and livestock. Remedy of this local concern via EQIP will be limited the implementation of conservation practice 709 for the portion of the W.R. watershed that lies within the bounds of Clearwater County. This practice will earn 54 points under Factor I (factor I points 6 X local priority factor rate 9), and a range of 1-4 points under Factor F.

4. Attach the scoring worksheet as recommended for the district.
5. List any recommended practices to be deleted from the state Conservation Practice Payment Document

The local EQIP program description, cost-share docket changes, and ranking worksheet must be reviewed and approved by the State Conservationist before any EQIP contract is approved and signed.

This document serves as the Local Work Group recommendation for FY 03 EQIP. Attached is a roster of participation in the Local Work Group (see below).

Douglas Thompson, Clearwater SWCD

June 19, 2003

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Chair, Local Work Group

Date

Clearwater SWCD Work Group 6/6/03

Invited and Attended:

Bob Bilden, Supervisor, SWCD

Debe Walchuk, DC, NRCS

Gail Friborg, Acting CED, FSA

Everett Goodwin, Biologist, White Earth Tribal Council

Doug Thompson, Manager, Clearwater SWCD

Invited But Didn't Attend:

John Nelson, FSA County Committee Member and County Commissioner

Al Rasmussen, U of MN Extension

Doug Lindgren, State Representative

Joel Rhode, Red Lake Nation